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KILLED WIFE SHOT POLICE

MEMPHIS MAN DECAPITATED
WIFE WITH A RAZOR AND ES-
CAPED TO VACANT HOUSE.

POLICE REPULSED

Two Police Officers Shot by Boehler.
Drug Clerk Was Shot by Mistake—
Victim's Little Daughter Told
Neighbors of Crime.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19.—After decapitating his wife with a razor last night, Adam Boehler escaped to a vacant house where a squad of police and citizens this morning attempted to capture him.

Well supplied with ammunition, he repulsed the attack, shooting two policemen, wounding one of them seriously.

Spalding Parsons, a drug clerk, was shot by mistake by one of the besieging party.

The first news of the murder of Boehler's wife came when her four-year-old daughter walked into a neighboring house with the announcement, "Papa has killed mamma." Mrs. Boehler recently sued for divorce.

Boehler finally was shot to death by the officers after he was partly overcome with formaldehyde fumes forced through holes cut in the walls of the building where he had barricaded himself.

Hanraty Loses Again.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 18.—The trial of the case of Pete Hanraty against B. A. Enloe Jr., Judge R. C. Allen of Muskogee, presiding, was decided today in the district court in favor of the defendant. Pete Hanraty was the first mayor of McAlester under commission form of government and recalled at an election held last April, refused to give up his office and brought quo warranto proceedings to try the title to the office, with the above result. Judge Allen holds the recall provision of the McAlester charter constitutional. The case was appealed to the supreme court.

Twenty-three—Skiddoo!

The famous grandfather's clock, which "struck twenty-four as he entered the door with his young, blushing bride on his arm," and "stopped short, never to go again, when the old man died," was a giddy and foolish piece of clock work when compared with the clock in the dome of the Carter county court house. Several nights ago this clock began building up a reputation as a striking machine. It has kept valiantly at work ever since, until last night when it reached the maximum number of strokes by tolling forth twenty-three at the mysterious hour of midnight. Today, at high noon it repeated the dose—twenty-three again. This can not be an accident. Neither can it be a coincidence. It can mean but one thing—Twenty-three—Skiddoo! for the unreliable time piece.

MINE DISASTER KILLS FORTY-THREE

BLACK DAMP CAUSES EXPLOSION
IN GERMAN MINE. SERIOUS IN-
JURY TO OTHERS.

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 18.—A disaster which cost forty-three lives, besides serious injuring many other coal miners, was caused by an explosion of black damp in the Achenbach mine, near here, today.

Forty-three bodies have been brought up and seven men are missing.

Four rescuing parties worked under dangerous conditions. A call has been made for all the physicians in the neighborhood, indicating that the number of injured is large.

BASEBALL MEN AT DURANT.

Officers Elected and Committees Appointed.

Durant, Okla., Dec. 19.—Representatives of the clubs composing the Texas-Oklahoma league met here yesterday in pursuance to a call of President Johnson.

C. O. Johnson of Durant was re-elected president and R. M. Finley of Denison was re-elected secretary for next year. Sherman, Denison, Bonham and Durant were represented here, while Wichita Falls and Ardmore were represented by proxy. Texarkana and Paris, which towns had clubs in the East Central league last year, are seeking berths in the T-O league for 1913. It is understood that Hugo, Gainesville and McKinney will also make application. Committees were appointed which will report back at a meeting to be held in Sherman, Sm., January 12, at which time the suit for 1913 will be decided upon.

KEARNEY'S BIPLANE IS WASHED ASHORE

PARTS OF MACHINE AND CLOTH-
ING OF AVIATOR TELLS OF
TWO DEATHS.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Fragments of a hydro-aeroplane and clothing, which were washed ashore and promptly identified, proved today that Aviator Kearney and his report-er companion, Chester Lawrence, met disaster soon after they started last Saturday on their proposed flight over the ocean to San Francisco.

The circumstances surrounding their death probably always will remain a secret of the sea. They may have died within a few hours after they vanished Sunday afternoon in the mists off Point Firmin, or they may have clung to their fragile craft all through a stormy night and the next day. Judging from the position of the wreckage which gave today the first definite clue to their fate, they died a short distance from shore, and in all probability their bodies now rest in the tangled morass of the kelp beds near Redondo Beach. The wreckage of the hydro-aeroplane was found today at Fisherman's cove, four miles south of Redondo beach, by Paul Banzhaf and two companions, who conducted an independent search.

Find a Wing Pontoon First.

The wreckage consisted of a five-foot wing pontoon, companion piece of the pontoon which was recovered Sunday, floating five miles off Redondo beach, and a fragment of a wing tip. Nearly the searchers picked up a shirt and vest.

Charles Day, who built Kearney's aeroplane, identified the pontoon and the broken wing tip. Glenn Martin, who undertook Sunday the dangerous hydro-aeroplane flight in search of Kearney, declared that the vest was part of the clothing Lawrence wore when he boarded the aeroplane with Kearney for the ill-starred flight.

Search for Bodie Now.

The shirt and vest were ripped and torn, indicating the haste and desperation with which their wearer had cast off impediments for his battle with the sea. The pontoon was battered and dented, and the condition of the fragmentary wing tip also gave evidence of having been battered by the waves.

The revenue cutter McCullough started this afternoon to further search the seas where the unfortunate aviator and his companion are believed to have lost their lives.

Big Corporation Deal.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 18.—The municipal utilities corporation today purchased a controlling interest in the Choctaw Railway and Lighting company, owner of the city street railway lines and interurban from here to Hartshorne. Russell Palmer of Mobile Ala., was elected president, the other officers remaining unchanged. Vice President Fischer said this means additional capital, immediate improvement of the property and possible extensions. B. R. Stevens remains as secretary and general superintendent.

MORGAN AGAIN ON THE STAND

FINANCIER AGAIN CALLED UPON
TO TESTIFY BEFORE INVESTI-
GATING COMMITTEE.

DEPOSITS 100 MILLION

Morgan Tells Committee He Passes
Upon Entire Board of Directors of
the United States Steel Corpora-
tion and Subsidiary Companies.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—J. Pierpont Morgan on resuming the stand before the money trust investigating committee today placed the approximate deposits of his banking firm at \$100,000,000.

Asked if he named the entire board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, he admitted that he passed on it and that he approved the prices at which subsidiary companies went into the organization.

Morgan estimated the amount of securities marketed by his firm at one million dollars a year.

"There could be no money trust. All of the banks and money in Christendom could not control money. The question of control is personal as to money and credits," declared Morgan when Uttermeyer asked him if he did not feel his vast power. Morgan did not admit vast power and said he did not feel vast power. "I'd rather have combination than competition," he said. "I like competition but I like combination better. Control is important. Without it you cannot do a thing."

DIRECTORY FOR 1913.

Contains Nearly Five Thousand Indi-
vidual Names.

The Ardmore directory for 1913 is ready for distribution by the publishers, Polk and company, of Sioux City, Iowa.

The directory contains 4,331 individual names and shows a population of nearly fourteen thousand souls.

In addition to the individual directory the book contains a complete directory of the county and city officials, the judiciary and the federal and military.

Ardmore is shown in this volume to have one Confederate home, two hospitals, or sanitariums, four banks with a gross capital stock of \$311,000; 33 public buildings and halls, besides one Carnegie library, six public school buildings, two colleges and one parochial school building, and the confederate home building. Also it is shown that we have one Commercial club, one G. A. R. Post, one Confederate Veteran's camp, four newspapers, one daily, two weekly and one semi-weekly, (the last named being a negro religious publication), three railways, one street railway system, four telegraph and telephone companies, five theaters, two cemeteries, two asphalt companies, one paint factory, twenty-two secret societies one planing mill, one broom factory, four lumber dealers, one cut stone and monumental works, four wholesale and retail lumber establishments, two ice cream factories, one candy factory, one cigar factory, one wholesale cigar firm, one wholesale fruit and nuts house, two wholesale groceries, one compress, thirteen building and paving contractors, three plumbing establishments, two garages, five wholesale cotton dealers, three cotton gins, one cotton seed oil mill, one flour mill, two grain elevators, two large dress goods emporiums, nine retail drug stores six retail dry goods stores, two general stores, six furniture stores, five gents furnishing goods and ready-to-wear clothing stores, fifty-five retail grocery stores, four sheet metal working establishments, seven hotels, two wholesale meat houses, thirty-seven insurance companies having agencies here, seven dentists, eighteen doctors, forty-four real estate dealers, fifty-five lawyers and preachers enough to Christianize the entire community presiding in the pulpits of sixteen churches.

JONES, OKLAHOMA BANK IS ROBBED

THREE MEN BLOW SAFE AND ES-
CAPE IN AUTOMOBILE WITH
EIGHTEEN HUNDRED.

ROBBERY AT TULSA

Katy Agent and Crowd at Katy Sta-
tion in Tulsa Robbed by Lone Ban-
dit at an Early Hour Today—Lined
Crowd Along Wall in Station.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 19.—Three men blew the safe in the bank at Jones, Oklahoma, this morning and escaped in an automobile with eighteen hundred dollars.

A charge of nitro-glycerine blew out the bank front and damaged adjoining buildings.

Robber Got Two Hundred.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 19.—A lone bandit, masked in a handkerchief lined up a crowd at the Katy station here this morning, robbed them and the agent of \$200 and escaped.

New York Girl Weds Count.

New York, Dec. 19.—Although it was a very small affair, the wedding of Miss Constance Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Warren to Count Guy de Lasteyrie, of Paris, celebrated at the home of the bride, 924 Fifth avenue, today was a very fashionable event.

The bride is one of the best known young women in New York and Newport society. For several years she has been one of the chief rivals of Miss Eleanor Sears of Boston, for the honor of being the best all-round woman athlete in society. She is an expert at tennis, golf, riding, driving and shooting. Her handling of her imported racing car has long been the subject of newspaper comment. The wedding was to have been a large affair, but was changed after the death of the aunt of the bride, Mrs. Robert Goellet, a few weeks ago.

The groom is the eldest son of the Marquis and Marquise de Lasteyrie of Paris and is said to be wealthy.

Taft's Going to Panama.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft and the members of his party will leave here at midnight tonight for Key West, Fla., where they will board the Dreadnought Arkansas next Saturday for Panama. The president is due to arrive at Cristobal about Dec. 24. He will spend only three days on the Isthmus, inspecting the canal work, and will leave about December 27 for Washington, where he will be due on December 31.

Mrs. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft, Charles D. Hilles, secretary to the president; Major Thomas L. Rhoads, the military aid, and Lieutenant-Commander John W. Timmins, naval aid, will be members of the party.

HUNDRED KILLED IN FIERCE FIGHT

REBELS AND MEXICAN RURAL
GUARD CLASH AT HUEJUQUILLA
—TOWN SACKED.

Guadalajara, Mexico, Dec. 19.—One hundred rebels, forty rural guard and many townspeople were killed in a fierce battle at Huejuquilla yesterday. The town was sacked by the rebels who committed many outrages.

HOUSE ADJOURNS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The house adjourned today for the holiday recess until January 2.

TAFT PARDONS CAPTAIN.

Captain of Unfortunate Steamboat
General Slocum Pardoned.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft today pardoned Captain Van Schack of the steamboat General Slocum, which sank in 1904, with a loss of 1,030 lives. Van Schack has been out on parole for some time.

Chickens and Bugs in Parcel Post.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Within the past week Postmaster General Hitchcock has been called upon to settle one of the most puzzling questions that have arisen during his term of office. Certain postmasters of the country through a single representative have asked him to instruct them if it will be necessary to handle live chickens, geese, ducks, bugs and other crawling things when the parcel post law goes into effect on January 1.

The law says the packages may weigh up to eleven pounds and there are any numbers of chickens, turkeys, etc., that come within that limit, even when properly packed and crated.

CHRISTMAS CHEER HOMES OF POOR

ONE MAN GIVES \$100, ANOTHER
FEEDS FOUR FAMILIES—CRIP-
PLED BOY IS REMEMBERED.

Christmas charity work is better organized this year than it has ever been before and more work along this line will be done this Christmas than has ever been done before.

The churches of the city have taken the work in hand and have become active in seeing that many homes are supplied with good dinners and the children with toys.

Probation officer, Mrs. Curtis, gave to each church the names of about six families whose wants were looked after Thanksgiving, and each church has retained these names for Christmas giving.

Dr. Gray, pastor of the Broadway Methodist church, called at Mrs. Curtis' office this morning and asked for the names of five additional families. His Sunday school has divided the work by classes, each class taking the names of families and Dr. Gray called to get them.

One wholesale merchant asked for the names of four families whom he desired to supply with all the necessities and luxuries for a big Christmas dinner.

One fraternal organization of the city will purchase an invalid chair for a little crippled boy and will fit him up with good clothing besides contributing many toys to the children.

Another citizen has given \$100 to the poor. He has requested from Mrs. Curtis through Chief of Police D. E. Booker that he be furnished the names of four destitute and worthy families whom he will give \$25 each.

Many children of the city have gathered their outgrown toys and have left them with Mrs. Curtis for distribution.

It has been Mrs. Curtis' business to acquaint herself with the poor of the city, she hears all their complaints and all their troubles except those few who allow their pride to stand between them and relief, and she is well equipped to distribute gifts of toys, books, coal, groceries, clothing and any person who feels charitably inclined may leave such things with her as they desire to have go to families of deserving poor.

Knights Templar Elect Office's.

Ardmore Commandery K. T. elected the following named officers at their regular meeting Tuesday night to serve for the ensuing year:

Tom Frenley, E. C.
Henry Hunt, Generalissimo.
T. N. Coleman, Master of Palace.
George Erickson, S. W.
Will Roberts, J. W.
C. R. Gray, Prelate.
A. H. Palmer, Treasurer.
G. H. Bruce, Recorder.

DISSOLUTION OF MERGER AGAIN

DISSOLUTION OF UNION PACIFIC
AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO SU-
REME COURT AGAIN.

MORE SPECIFIC DECREE

Union Pacific Stockholders Ask Court
to Determine What Right They
Have in Disposal of Southern Pacific
Stock Held by Union Pacific.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger was again before the supreme court today when the Union Pacific attorneys and government attorneys made a request that the court determine immediately what right the Union Pacific stockholders should have in the disposal of the Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A motion for a more specific decree in the merger dissolution was made by Attorney General Wickersham.

Chief Justice White stated that the court would take it under consideration.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

In the district court this morning the court gave the jury a peremptory instruction to find for the defendant in the case of Gordon vs. Cryer.

R. A. Gordon was the democratic candidate for township clerk of Graham township at the recent general election and R. C. Cryer was the socialist candidate. The face of the returns showed Cryer's election. Gordon filed contest proceedings alleging numerous irregularities in the election, stating among other things, in his petition that the judges and clerks of the election were not sworn as required by law, that one McLean threatened to break up the election unless the man he named be appointed to serve as a clerk in place of the regular clerk who was not present at the time when the polls should have been opened, that the polls were not opened until eight o'clock and that many who desired to vote departed before the opening of the polls while others made no attempt to vote through fear and intimidation.

Fourteen witnesses were present at the trial of the case. After hearing the evidence Judge Russell gave the jury a peremptory instruction to find for the defendant.

Nothing Stirring in Police Court.

Owing to the absence of the police judge there were no cases tried in the police court this morning. Several defendants, together with their witnesses, were present, ready for trial, but Judge Shelton was detained in the district court so the cases were continued.

GOETHALS WILL ACCEPT POSITION

TAFT TO NAME CANAL BUILDER
GOVERNOR OF PANAMA ZONE,
UPON HIS RETURN.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Taft has received assurances that Col. George Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, will accept the post of governor of the Panama Canal Zone. His nomination will probably be sent to the senate after the president's return from Panama. It was said today that Lieut. Col. W. V. Judson, Engineer Commissioner for the District of Columbia, has been favorably thought of for a high post in the zone government by the president.